(b) how much coal was despatched by Coal India Limited during the 1st and 2nd quarters of this year in comparison;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the estimated despatch during the 1st and 2nd quarters of this year in comparison to that of last year; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The production of coal in the country during the first and second quarter of the current year is given below:

(in million tonnes)

	Production		Increase/Decrease over last year	
	1984	1983	Quantum	percentage
1st quarter (January—March)	43·12	39·65	+3·47	+8·8
2nd quarter (April—June)	33·25	28·99	+4·26	+14·7

(b) Despatches of coal by Coal India Ltd. during the 1st and 2nd quarter of the current year is given below:

(in million tonnes)

			Increase over last year	
	1984	1983	Quantum	percentage
1st quarter (January—March)	31·42	30·15	+1·27	+4·2
2nd quarter (April—June)	28·64	27·68	+0·96	+3·5

(c) There has been no shortfall in the despatch of coal.

(d) Does not arise.

1979. [Transferred to the 23rd Aug., 1984].

Bill to nationalise Bengal Immunity Company Limited

1980. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether Government propose to bring a comprehensive Bill for the Nationalisation of Bengal Immunity Company Limited?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Bill for nationalisation of Bengal Immunity Company Limited was introduced in Parliament during the current session and has since been passed by both Houses of Parliament.

Employment of agricultural labour

1981. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) for how many days in a year the agricultural labourers in the country find gainful employment at present;

(b) what was the case in this regard in earlier labour inquiries; and

(c) what are the reasons for the changes in the employment situation?